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To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir: Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: A. YOSHIDA et al (see attached)

For:
DISK ARRAY CONTROLLER

Enclosed are:

8 Sheets of Drawings

This application is being filed without an executed Declaration.

Priority is claimed from Japanese Application No. 2001-331858 filed October 30, 2001. A certified copy is attached herewith. Copies of the disclosure documents listed on the attached PTO 1449 form and discussed in the specification or attached Information Disclosure Statement.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

Specification: Abstract , Description 21 pages; and 12 claim(s).

Preliminary Amendment.

Executed Declaration.

The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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For:	No. Filed	No. Extra
Basic Fee		
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A check in the amount of \$ 740.00 is enclosed for the filing fee.

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